

Dear Sirs:

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Their action is outrageous and is a clear example of media's attempt to influence the presidential election at the expense of the public airwaves. It smacks of Facism. As Goebbels said "Propaganda has only one object - to conquer the masses. Every means that furthers this aim is good; every means that hinders it is bad."

Thank you.

Sincerely,

David Hershops

Thank you.